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Export of Spices
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of spices has not shown considerable improvement in the country despite having good demand abroad;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute additional Boards for the promotion of spices and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the total earning of the Government from exports and indicating the percentage of earnings in it from the export of spices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b): The export of spices from the country has shown a steady increase in terms of value. The export of spices & spice products from the country for the last 3 years are given below:

Year	Quantity of Spices Export (Tonne)	Value of Spices Export (Rs. in crore)
2013-14	895914	15146
2014-15	939008	14847
2015-16	831681	16630

During 2015-16, the export of spices from the country has registered an increase of 12% in rupees terms compared to 2014-15.

(c): Presently, there is no proposal for constituting additional Boards for the promotion of spices. However, the Government has notified eleven Spice Development Agencies for addressing issues related to production, quality, domestic marketing and export of Spices in major spice growing States/Regions of the country.

(d): During 2015-16, the total export earnings from the country is Rs.17,16,378 Crore in which export earnings from Spices is around 0.97%.
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